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NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT
 AND BARLEY YIELD LARGER CROPS

RESEARCH CONDUCTED ON NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANTS -- Politika, No 13267,
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By cross-breeding, experts of the Institute for Agricultural Research in Krusevac have obtained five new varieties of wheat and four varieties of barley which yield larger crops than the varieties now grown in the district. Ordinary varieties of wheat yield 1,400 kilograms per hectare while the new ones, obtained by selective breeding, yield 2,000 kilograms. Barley from the experimental fields yields 25 metric centners per hectare, or 75 percent more than that planted by farmers.

Experiments are being conducted at the Institute on summer planting of potatoes according to the method of the Soviet Academician Lysenko. Thus far, potatoes planted in the summer seem to give greater yields and keep longer than spring potatoes. Experts are working toward a method of keeping potatoes from sprouting as long as possible in the spring.

Experiments are also being carried out on heterosis and on the field propagation and selective breeding of peas.

Research has been carried on for 3 years toward the growing of cotton in the district. Yields on the experimental plots have reached 1,200 kilograms per hectare. The experts at the Institute have established that very large yields of cotton can be obtained in this district by pruning according to Lysenko's method, which shortens the period of ripening of the cotton.

Work that has been in progress on the culture of kok-sagyz since 1947 has established that this rubber-producing plant can be grown in the Krusevac district. Large-scale plantings were made last year, and yields of up to 211.5 kilograms per hectare were obtained. Research is now being done to find the most favorable time for planting and harvesting the plant.

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RAMPES TO SIMPLIFY LOADING WOOD. -- Politika. No. 13274. 26 Jun 49

Slovenian engineers have drawn up plans by which ramps will soon be made to facilitate the loading of cut logs into trucks and wagons for transport to storage depots. Such ramps will be built for all the forest administrations in Slovenia.

Some forest administrations already have ramps of this type in use. They are especially practical for transporting wood for short distances. Their use results in substantial savings of manpower, as the driver of a truck or wagon can load his vehicle without help from other workers.

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